

With redistricting in many states well under way, the Committee would like to remind you about regulations pertaining to mass communications to residents in newly drawn congressional districts.

According to a 1992 court ruling, Members of Congress are prohibited from sending unsolicited franked mass mailings to residents in newly redistricted areas unless the residents are located in the current district. Additionally, in keeping with the spirit of the law, Members of Congress should not send other forms of mass communications outside the district they currently represent. However, Members are free to respond to letters and other communications on legislative issues received from residents outside of their district. Also, unsolicited communications to the media and communications to local, state, and federal elected officials are permissible.

If you have any questions regarding regulations pertaining to mass communications, please contact the Franking Commission staff at 6-0647.